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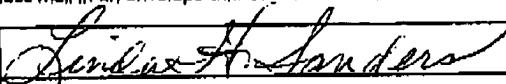
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In re: Application of:

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Examiner: Jonathon A. Szumny

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Title: Multi-Use Linkage Device

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Applicant respectfully traverses the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action dated as mailed September 30, 2004. Applicant traverses on the grounds that the Examiner has not demonstrated that examination of such distinct inventions in this Application would impose a burden on the PTO. In particular, the Examiner has failed to show either of the following: 1) that there is a separate classification of the distinct inventions; 2) that a separate field of search would be required for the distinct inventions; or 3) that such inventions have achieved a separate status in the art, even though they are classified together. Looking closely at what the Examiner has identified as the various species, it should be clear to the Examiner that many of the species identified should be grouped into a single species. For example, Species 3 could be an element in FIGS. 1, 2A, and 2B. FIG. 14 can be a part of the invention disclosed in FIGS. 1, 2A, and 2B. Likewise, FIGS. 9, 10, 11, 12, and 13 can also be a part of the invention disclosed in FIGS. 1, 2A, and 2B. Similarly FIGS. 27, 28, and 29 should be of the same species. These are just a few examples of where it should be clear that the species identified by the Examiner

should be combined. Furthermore, as presently claimed, independent claim 1, is a generic claim to all species.

For the sake of expeditiously moving forward with the prosecution of the present application and without any prejudice, applicant elects to prosecute claims associated with species 27, specifically FIG. 31. The specific claims are 1-2, 12, 13, 18, 23, 24, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 34, 36, 42, 43, 54, which are believed to comprise species 27 and dependent claims that are related to this species.

The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney if there are any issues regarding this response that may be resolved via telephone conference.

Respectfully submitted,



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